

Jericho Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
March 9, 2016

Members Present: Josh Benes, Ann Kroll-Lerner, Mary Neighbours, Liz Thompson, Laura Vallett, Tom Baribault (chair)

Guests: Peter Gray

Discussion of the bench at Mobb's Farm to honor Phyllis Gray. Mobbs Farm Committee has given permission for the bench on the suggested spot; they would like to be kept informed of progress. Tom will set up a date with Chris Cleary to inspect stones for the bench. We discussed the length of the inscription, which may be constrained by the size and shape of the stone.

The Lamoille River Watershed Planning Committee has sent out a questionnaire to guide their efforts. Ann will collate JCC comments and circulate via email. Our comments will be sent back to the Town Planner, Katherine Sonnick, for a coordinated reply to the questionnaire.

The project with Arrowwood Environmental to study wetland areas in Jericho has been partially completed and a bill of \$400 will be paid for preliminary work. Liz will contact them for an update to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Table of Uses for the Natural Resources Overlay District in the Zoning Regs was discussed once more, with final edits. Liz will make changes and send to Katherine for submission to the Planning Commission. The JCC will plan to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the Table in April.

Josh analyzed maps for high traffic use and strong indication of animal use and suggested 4 areas for Wildlife Crossings signage. Next step is to contact Jens Hilke, Vt Dept. of Wildlife, for advice on the process of installing the signs.

Plans for the summer program, Natural Places of Jericho, will be discussed at the next meeting. River geomorphology was suggested for one of the monthly programs.

Trees on the Jericho Green were discussed; they are not in very good shape. It will be necessary to coordinate with the Jericho Tree Warden on management.

The Jericho Center Library would like to establish an edible garden; our current information is that it would primarily be berry bushes for this year. Need to follow-up on this at next meeting.

The Browns River Middle School teacher for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is very excited to keep up the work on the Japanese knotweed project with her class. This control of the invasive plant is at Mills Riverside Park and across the Browns River at the school.

A meeting of the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions will be held in Waterbury on March 30. It is hoped a representative from the JCC will attend.

Approval of minutes was postponed till the next meeting.

Next meeting – April 13